

# THE LOST WORLD

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My Name is Dorothy

But mother says it should be "Educator," 'cause when I was a tiny little girl I cut my teeth on the Baby Educator.

And now I'm seven, and eat a lot of other Educator Crackers every day.

I went to Agnes Foster's party yesterday, and she had some Educator Wafers made into the cutest little sandwiches you ever saw. Good? Um, I should say so! Agnes said:

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York, and a chain which held a stylographic pen, lay among the bones. There was also a silver cigarette case with "J. C. from A. E. S." upon the lid. The state of the metal seemed to show that the catastrophe had occurred no great time before.

"Who can he be?" asked Lord Roxton. "Poor devil! every bone in his body seems to be broken."

"And the bamboo grows between his ribs," said Summerlee. "It is a fast-growing plant; but it is surely inconceivable that this body could have lain here while the canes grew to be twenty feet in length."

"As to the man's identity," said Professor Challenger, "I have no doubt whatever upon that point. As I made my way up the river before I reached you at the hacienda I instituted very particular inquiries about Maple White. At Pará they knew nothing. Fortunately, I had a definite clue; for there was a particular picture in his sketchbook which showed him taking lunch with a certain ecclesiastic at Rosario. This priest I was able to find; and, though he proved a very argumentative fellow, who took it absurdly amiss that I should point out to him the corrosive effect which modern science must have upon his beliefs, he none the less gave me some positive information. Maple White passed Rosario four years ago, or two years before I saw his dead body. He was not alone at the time; but there was a friend, an American named James Colver, who remained in the boat and did not meet this ecclesiastic. I think, therefore, that there can be no doubt that we are looking upon the remains of this James Colver."

"Nor," said Lord Roxton, "is there much doubt as to how he met his death. He has fallen or been chucked from the top, and so been impaled. How else could he come by his broken bones, and how could he have been stuck through by these canes with their points so high above our heads?"

A hush came over us as we stood round these shattered remains and realized the truth of Lord Roxton's words. The beetling head of the cliff projected over the cane brake. Undoubtedly he had fallen from above. But had he fallen? Had it been an accident? Or—already ominous and terrible possibilities began to form round that unknown land.

We moved off in silence, and continued to coast round the line of cliffs, which were as even and unbroken as some of those monstrous Antarctic icefields which I have seen depicted as stretching from horizon to horizon and towering high above the mastheads of the exploring vessel.

IN five miles we saw no rift or break. And then suddenly we perceived something which filled us with new hope. In a hollow of the rock, protected from the rain, there was drawn a rough arrow in chalk, pointing still to the westward.

"Maple White again," said Professor Challenger. "He had some presentiment that worthy footsteps would follow close behind him."

"He had chalk, then?"

"A box of colored chalks was among the effects I found in the knapsack. I remember that the white one was worn to a stump."

"That is certainly good evidence," said Summerlee. "We can only accept his guidance and follow on to the westward."

We had proceeded some five more miles when again we saw a white arrow upon the rocks. It was at a point where the face of the cliff was for the first time split into a narrow cleft. Inside the cleft was a second guidance mark, which pointed right up it, with the tip somewhat elevated, as if the spot indicated were above the level of the ground.

It was a solemn place; for the walls were so gigantic and the slit of blue sky so narrow and so obscured by a double fringe of verdure that only a dim and shadowy light penetrated to the bottom. We had had no food for many hours, and were very weary with the stony and irregular journey; but our nerves were too strung to allow us to halt. We ordered the camp to be pitched, however, and, leaving the Indians to arrange it, we four, with the two halfbreeds, proceeded up the narrow gorge.

It was not more than forty feet across at the mouth; but it rapidly closed until it ended in an acute angle too straight and smooth for an ascent. Certainly it was not this which our pioneer had attempted to indicate. We made our way back,—the whole gorge was not more than a quarter of a mile deep,—and then suddenly the quick eyes of Lord Roxton fell upon what we were seeking. High up, above our heads, amid the dark shadows, there was one circle of deeper gloom. Surely it could only be the opening of a cave!

The base of the cliff was heaped with loose stones at the spot, and it was not difficult to clamber up. When we reached it, all doubt was removed. Not only was it an opening into the rock, but on the side of it there was marked once again the sign of the arrow. Here was the point, and this the

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